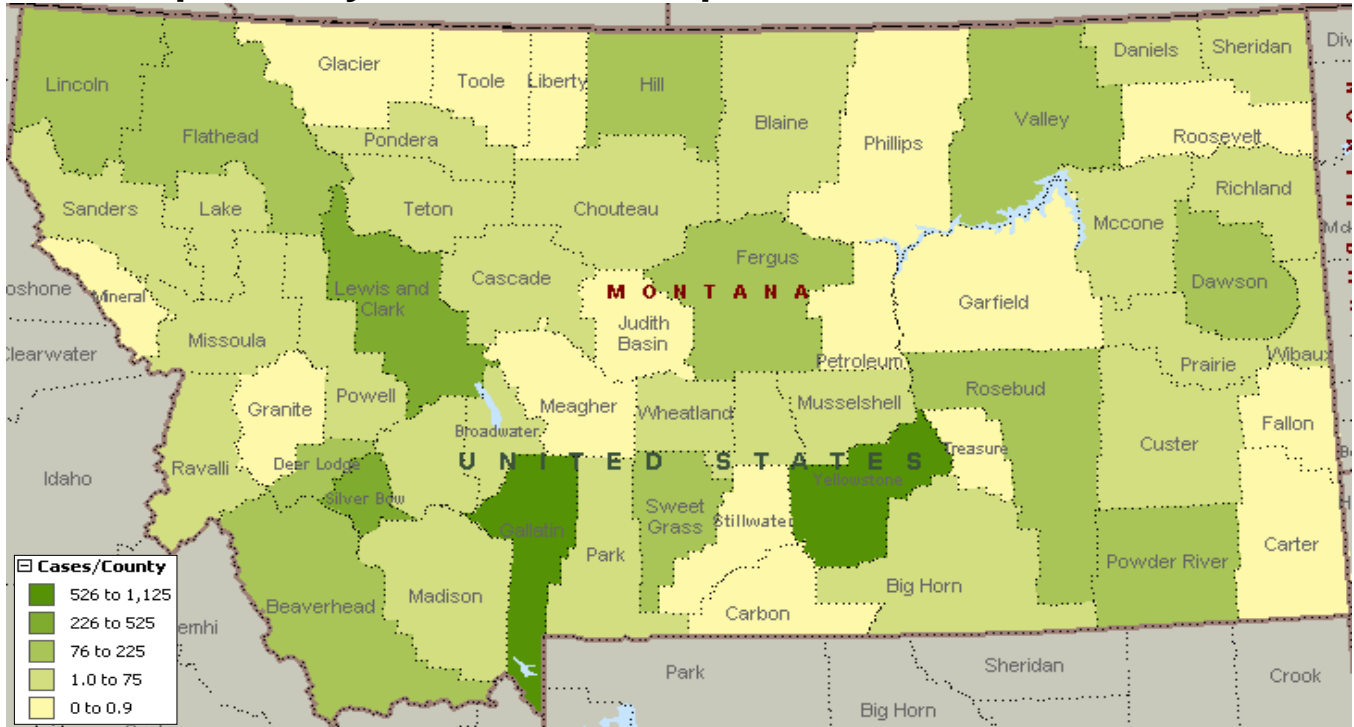


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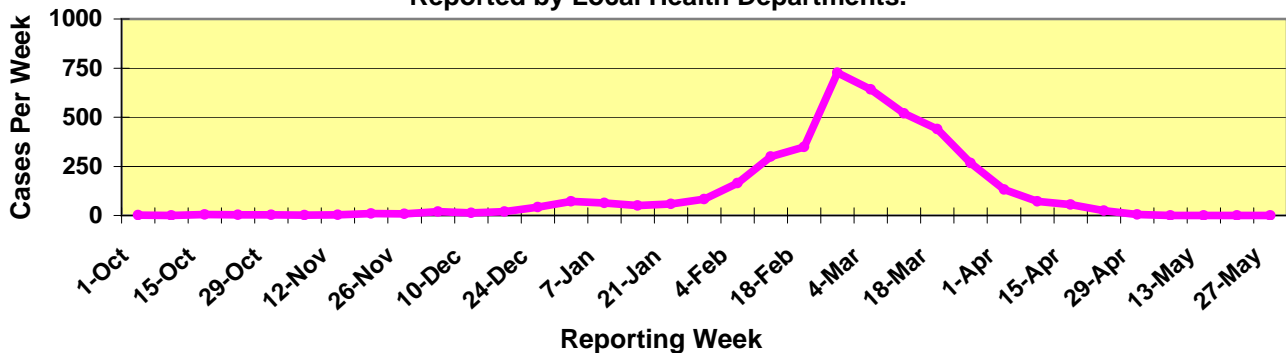
Montana's influenza activity level* for the week ending on 04/29/2006 is defined as: SPORADIC

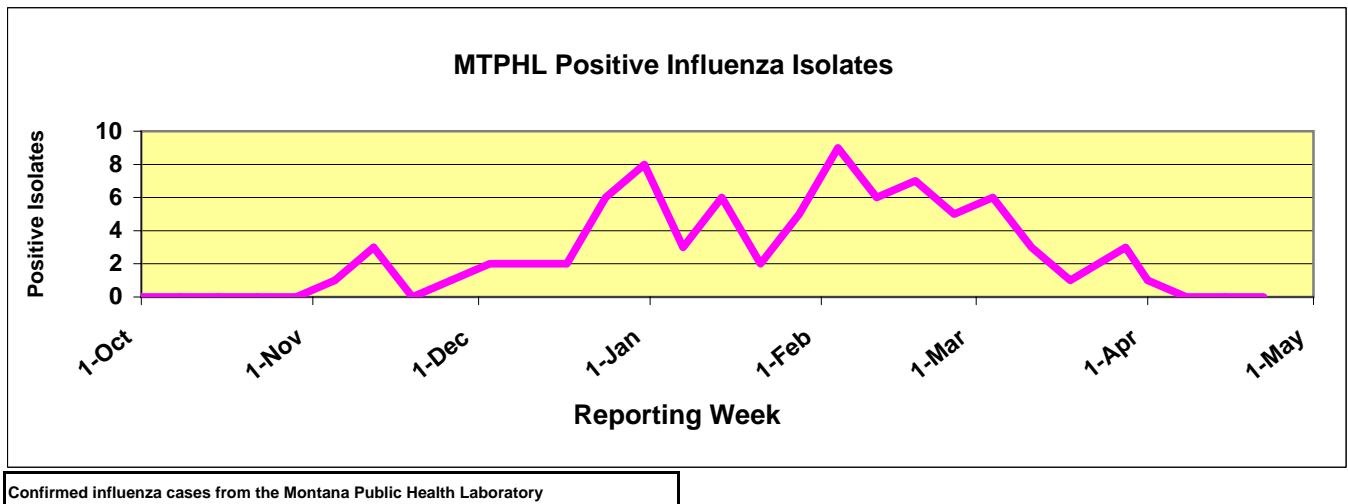
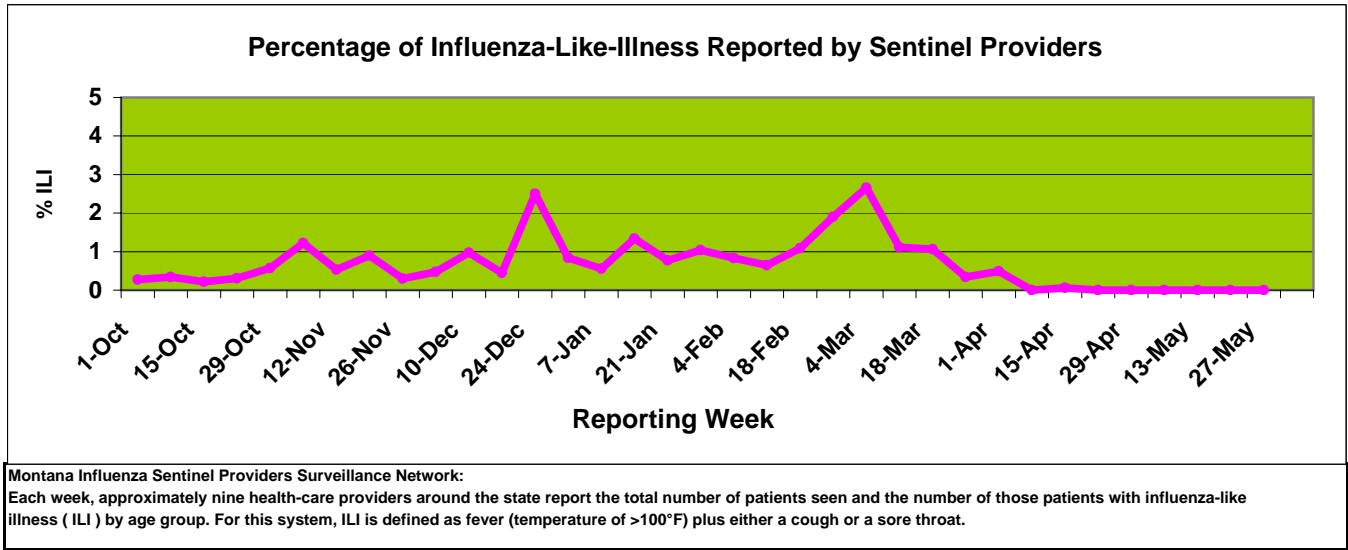
***Influenza activity is reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control each week using the definitions below:**

No Activity	Overall clinical activity within the state remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
Sporadic	Isolated cases of lab confirmed influenza in the state; ILI* activity is not increased.
Local	Increased ILI within a single region/area AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) laboratory evidence of influenza in the region. ILI activity in other regions/areas is not increased.
Regional	Increased statewide ILI in ≥ 2 but less than half of regions/area AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions/areas.
Widespread	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least three regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza within the state.

***Influenza-like illness:** Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ [37.8°C], oral or equivalent) AND cough and/or sore throat.

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For additional information on influenza activity in Montana, please contact your local health department or the Department of Public Health and Human Services' Epidemiology Section at (406) 444-0273